

# SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 ELECTION

## Basic Campaign Finance Information Sheet



Candidates must electronically file, via the [TRACER](#) online disclosure system, a candidate affidavit with the Secretary of State's office within 10 days of becoming a candidate.

If expending only your own money to get elected you do not have to register a candidate committee; however, for reporting periods where expenditures have taken place a disclosure report must be filed.

Candidates may not accept any contributions prior to registering a candidate committee; the committee may exist with the candidate being the only member.

Committee registration and disclosure reports are filed electronically with the Secretary of State's office and not with the county clerk and recorder.

Penalties of \$50 per day are assessed for late filing of disclosure reports; committees are required to file even if no activity (contributions and expenditures) has occurred.

Prohibited Contributors: Corporations (profit, non-profit, domestic & foreign), labor organizations, foreign governments & citizens, and \$20 or more contributions from anonymous sources (identity of the contributor is unknown).

Traditional "Pass the Hat" or "Fish Bowls" need to be modified to avoid anonymous contributions of \$20 or more.

Disclosure report due dates and reporting periods are:

Due Dates	Reporting Periods
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New candidates or committees:</b> Filing date of candidate affidavit or committee registration through October 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Existing committees:</b> The first day after the end of the last reporting period for the last report filed through October 12 <sup>th</sup>
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 13 <sup>th</sup> through October 29 <sup>th</sup>
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	October 30 <sup>th</sup> through December 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Other Important Dates to Remember

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – First day that nomination petitions can be circulated. (Contact your local school district office or the county clerk and recorder's office to obtain a nomination petition.)

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Nomination petition must be filed by this date.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Last day to file as a write-in candidate.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Election Day

*Notes: Due to a change in the law, **Electioneering Communication reports, 24 Hour Notice of Major Contributor reports, and 48 Hour Notice of Independent Expenditure reports are now required in odd calendar years.** The Electioneering Communication period begins 60 days before the election and the 24 & 48 Hour report periods begin 30 days before the election.*

For questions about Colorado's Campaign Finance laws and rules or accessing the State's online disclosure system (TRACER) e-mail us at [cpfhelp@sos.state.co.us](mailto:cpfhelp@sos.state.co.us), visit us at [tracer.sos.colorado.gov](http://tracer.sos.colorado.gov) or call 303-894-2200 (dial 3, then 1).

Questions about school board elections should be directed to the appointed Designated Election Official (local school board or the county clerk and recorder) or the Colorado Association of School Boards (website: [www.casb.org](http://www.casb.org)).